

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (withdrawn) A method for preventing foam from discharging through an opening of a wall of a hollow body to be foam-filled, which comprises the steps of:

applying a destructible material layer between a reinforcing layer having a hole formed therein overlapping the opening and a section of the wall surrounding the opening and the opening of the hollow body;

making at least one connection between the section of the wall and the reinforcing layer without substantial heating of the wall or of the reinforcing layer at a distance from the opening, the distance being smaller than a longest dimension of the destructible material layer;

subsequently foam-filling the hollow body; and

removing the destructible material layer in an area of the opening.

2. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, which further comprises driving the connection through the destructible material layer.
3. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, which further comprises making the connection by one of driving a connecting body of the wall into the reinforcing layer and driving a connecting body of the reinforcing layer into the wall.

4. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 3, which further comprises driving the connecting body of the wall into the reinforcing part.
5. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, which further comprises using at least one of a layer of paper, a film of plastic and a metallic foil as the destructible material layer.
6. (currently amended) A foam-filled hollow body, comprising:

a wall having an opening formed therein;

a reinforcing part having a hole formed therein and disposed with said hole overlapping said opening of said wall;

a destructible layer disposed between said wall and said reinforcing part;

said wall and said reinforcing part being connected to each other by a mechanical connection made without substantial heating of at least one of said wall and of said reinforcing part, which might damage said destructible layer, and a distance of said connection from said opening being small enough that said destructible layer is secured against any substantial offsetting and that an uncovering of said opening by contact of said destructible layer with said connection is excluded.
7. (original) The hollow body according to claim 6, wherein said connection extends through said destructible layer.

8. (original) The hollow body according to claim 6, wherein said connection is one of a rivet connection and a clinch connection.
9. (original) The hollow body according to claim 6, wherein the hollow body is a housing of a refrigerating appliance.
10. (original) The hollow body according to claim 9, wherein said opening is disposed on a front side of said housing and is provided for mounting a hinge.